

Minutes of the Southeast PTO
April 3, 2006

CALL TO ORDER: 7:05 PM

IN ATTENDANCE: Norma Fisher-Doiron, Edmond Chibeau, Monique Brown, Karen Sommer, Lesley Sweeney, Christiane Burkhard, Kim O'Keefe, Mallory Bagwell, Julie Brown

THANK YOU'S: Edmond Chibeau

Kathleen Romeo & Vicki Daniels & Kimberly Clark
for all their work on the terrific "March Nutrition Madness".

Senora Hutton

for having Southeast so well represented at the COLT Rhyme Festival

Senora Hutton with Betsy Parker & Vicki Daniels

for getting the Mileage Club program going and **Jen Schletter, Nanette Bidwell** (and her baby!), **Kate Cox, Amy Chibeau, Kellie Lowry, Joey Zhou** and **Liz Lackman** for helping them run it.

Karen Sommer

for running the Butter Braids, Munson's Chocolate & Cookie Dough fundraisers. A thank you also to **Monica Wilding & Laura Powers, Richelle Strimple & Margie Ouimette** who assisted Karen with the fundraiser.

Richelle Strimple

for running the Dine Out fundraisers.

Irene Sheehan

for working on the Spring photo fundraiser.

Kim Ewalt

for Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser planning.

Gwen Duff, Juliana Barrett, Sally Milius, Jean Phillips, Joan Carr, Betsy Parker, Norma Fisher-Doiron, Patricia O'Connell-Buckley and Elizabeth Latino for their work organizing the 50th Anniversary celebrations

Monica Wilding for her continued work on the bulb fundraiser

Laura Powers for putting together a flyer for the International Potluck Dinner

Upcoming Board of Ed Meeting: No surprises/cuts that we are aware of

Playscape: Kim O'Keefe

Spaghetti dinner and game night fundraiser: Friday May 12 from 5:30 – 8. Need help at the end of the school day that Friday. Also need help with games and raffle items.

4th annual tag sale: Great forum to donate and get a tax credit. (forms in the school office) Items can be dropped off at the school starting May 1st. Sale = Saturday May 20th. \$10 = to rent your own table. The Friday before help is needed to help tag items. Friday = sorting and putting out items. Kim suggested that the teachers get a table. Monique Brown agreed to speak with the teachers about this. An ad will be going in the Broadcaster.

Ice Cream Social Friday June 2nd. It is a family time. We don't mean to make a profit but sometimes do. Kim will pick up ice cream Friday but is not around that weekend. A press release will be going out to local papers

A month ago, Kim presented the playscape project to the Board of Education. After the town budget is passed, she will formally request that the town match what we've raised for playscape.

Please remember to support the school through Big Y Points. The points are going towards a locking cabinet on wheels for recess games, toys. We almost have enough.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Norma Fisher Doiron

- Highlights of the Calendar of Events:

April

5th - Town Council Meeting – vote on the budget

10th – 14th = TV turnoff week – Talent Show on the 11th

13th Passover

14th No school = Good Friday

17th – 21st = Spring Vacation

28th Assembly to begin preparations for the 50th celebration – 2:15

May

5th = Muffins For Moms

12th = Spaghetti Dinner/Game night 5:30 – 8:00

20th = Tag Sale

22nd – 26th = Artist in residence – Robert Rogers Puppets

29th = No School Memorial Day

- Projections for the number of classes at each grade level for Southeast Fall 2006:

The projections for the number of classrooms for next year are the same:

3 First Grade Classes

2-3 Second Grade Classes (looking more and more like 3 right now)

3 Third Grade Classes

3 Fourth Grade Classes

Special Person's Day – Norma reported that she went to her granddaughter's

Grandparent's Day in Newington. It was done on a much smaller scale.

Grandparents were invited to the classrooms for an hour to do an activity. Then they went to the cafeteria for cookies and juice. The children then show their grandparents the building and then return to the cafeteria. She suggested that we could do the same this year. She noted that Muffins for Mom's and Donuts for Dads will be on separate days. She will talk to the staff. It would have to be done over a number of days for the different grade levels.

- 50th Anniversary Celebration: Because the real anniversary is in 2007 we will be "counting down" until then.

Parent's Hour –PAC meeting was by Douglas Hartman in the computer lab on the New Literacies of the Internet. Extra handouts were passed around. He can be reached at douglas.hartman@uconn.edu

TEACHER'S REPORT: Monique Brown

Teacher of the Year Feedback: Mickey Maheu will distribute the forms as soon as they become available.

Library Book Bag Feedback: There were approximately 10 responses, all saying that they were unnecessary. There was some discussion. The bags cost \$350. Possibly we could buy each child a book instead? We could also put the money into the YARC (Young Author's Day) fund. Monique will look into the cost of purchasing books.

Thank you to Edmond Chibeu for his presentation at Kindergarten Parent Orientation. He made a nice connection with the parents.

Introductions were solicited because of new members.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Monique Brown

March's minutes were reviewed.

AMENDMENTS: None at this time.

Motion for acceptance by: Mallory Bagwell

2nd by : Kim O'Keefe

All in Favor Unanimous

TREASURER'S REPORT: Lesley Sweeney

March's Report was reviewed

Several fundraisers brought in money that were not planned on. This and ice skating donations put us in good shape. We are still below budget expectations for fundraising.

Motion to accept report: Mallory Bagwell

Seconded by Christiana Burkhard

All in Favor

FUNDRAISING REPORT: Karen Sommer

Profit for Cookie Dough & Butterbraids = \$850. Munson's brought in \$476. The Bulb Fundraiser brought in \$600.

The Papa Ginos, Dominoes, and Friendlies fundraisers are coming up

It was asked if we will have a bake sale during the tag sale. "Yes" says Kim O'Keefe.

MISCELLANEOUS

March Nutrition month went well. Kathleen Romeo did the educational flyer that accompanied the snacks. Beth Gankofski funded and ran this event. We should see her for funding next year. Monique Brown will draft a note saying we liked it and can we do it again.

A note was made that here are currently 2 Calendars being passed around: Norma's and the PTO's. Some events overlap.

Fall Carnival: Edmond Chibeu is trying to get a meeting going but, so far, everyone is saying it's under control. Karen Mitlinsky is heading it. Kim O'Keefe says to fill out a form soon for the facilities request. Christina Thompson will redo games. If she needs help she'll ask. Edmond Chibeu reported that Jean Phillips assured that the auction is being organized by Kimberly Clark and Irene Sheehan. They will be looking for volunteers. Norma was asked if the Fall Carnival date was set. She will look into this.

The Talent Show for TV turnoff week = April 11 at 6:30. Sue Irvine and her interns are running it.

MMS is looking for representatives to volunteer for positions on their PTO.

The International Pot Luck was cancelled due to low sign up. This might have been due to the Science Fair the night before and/or a ball game. Possibly was due to when the form out sent to families.

The School Directory is being worked on by Edmond.

Mallory Bagwell: At their old school he was aware of fundraising. He started a "Women Against Bake Sales" there. He wanted to suggest that we spend a year and a half with a goal of maximizing volunteer time and skills for a greater return. He actually witnessed a school that became "self funding". Norma summarized that he was suggesting we should "think outside the box". Mallory agreed and said we should "put things in a pipeline".

Coin drive: Kim O'Keefe reported that we need to have teachers talk it up a bit. Some feel it's over with.

PTO paper situation: It was just ordered a couple of weeks ago.

Motion to adjourn: Mallory Bagwell
Motion seconded by: Karen Sommer

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:15 PM
RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY: MONIQUE M. BROWN 4/12/06
NEXT MEETING: May 1, 2006